

HOUSE BILL 2574  
By Hackworth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, relative to elementary and secondary education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 49-6-10\_\_.

(a) Whenever any state funds are used in any of the public schools of the state, it is the duty of the principal of the elementary school or schools, including all subprincipals and teachers therein, to instruct pupils in the dangers of alcohol, for at least one (1) hour during the course of the calendar school year.

(b) Whenever any state funds are used in any of the public schools of the state, it is the duty of the principal of the high school or schools, including all subprincipals and teachers therein, to instruct pupils in the dangers of drinking and driving, for at least one (1) hour during the course of the calendar school year.

(c) It is the duty of the school board, school commissioners, or other persons who have power to regulate and control the schools, to make such rules and regulations with reference to the teaching of the dangers of alcohol and drinking and driving to the pupils of the schools as they may deem wise and prudent from time to time, and transmit the same to the principals or teachers in charge of the schools, so that the teaching of the dangers of alcohol and drinking and driving may be taught and carried out, according to the rules and regulations.

(d) The department of education is urged to pilot the development of alcohol and drinking and driving curriculums for distribution to LEAs, which may include them in the instruction otherwise required by this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it